

couple of hours ago and which I have just filed at the desk.

The issue of reform of both legal and illegal immigration is one of the most contentious debates that we will have, and it will take place next week. The rule that we are considering is one of the most fair and balanced rules that could possibly be offered. In fact, we had over 100, I believe 104, amendments that were filed to the Committee on Rules by noon yesterday, and we spent today considering those amendments, and we have made in order 32 amendments that will be considered.

The issue of illegal immigration is a very difficult and pressing one for my State of California. We in California deal daily with the flood of illegal immigrants who are coming across the border seeking either government services, job opportunities, seeking family members, and it is very important that we take strong and decisive action here at the Federal level to deal with that problem.

In the area of legal immigration, I am very pleased that this legislation will allow us to maintain the highest level of legal immigration in 70 years and that in itself is a very good and positive move, because this country was founded on legal immigration and this country has had tremendous benefits because of immigrants who continue to come to this country today.

In fact, my State of California and other parts of this country are on the cutting edge technologically and in many other areas because of legal immigration.

So I would like to congratulate the chairman of the subcommittee, the gentleman from Texas [Mr. SMITH], who has worked long and hard throughout the past year and up until just recently, and he has been working, as he said today, nearly 12 hours a day constantly trying to bring this legislation forward.

As we look at the many different amendments that are going to be considered next week when we proceed with this legislation, one of the most controversial and hotly debated has been the proposal that was offered by the gentleman from Michigan, Mr. CHRYSLER, and my California colleague, Mr. BERMAN, and the gentleman from Kansas, Mr. BROWNBACK, seeking to split the legislation. That is an amendment that will be made to order, will be considered.

So, as we look at the resolution which I have just sent down that will allow us to bring about debate on the issue of legal and illegal immigration, I believe that we are taking a very bold and positive step toward getting the Federal Government to step up to the plate and acknowledge its responsibility. It has been a long time since we have been able to do this, and there are many problems that have taken place because of the 1986 Immigration Reform and Control Act, IRCA, that need to be addressed, and I am pleased that we will in time be doing that.

I would simply say, Mr. Speaker, that I anxiously look forward to a very interesting debate which will be far-reaching and allow every single proposal that has come forward to be considered and discussed.

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

March 14, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable DAVID DREIER to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through Tuesday, March 19, 1996.

NEWT GINGRICH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. MYERS of Indiana (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for today until 12:30 p.m., on account of illness in the family.

Mr. UNDERWOOD (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of official business.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. WOOLSEY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mrs. SCHROEDER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SKELTON for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. DELAUNO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. STUPAK, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. TOWNS, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. DUNCAN) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. GOODLING for 5 minutes on March 20.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan, for 5 minutes, on March 19 and 20.

Mr. FOLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RIGGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. UPTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MICA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. EHLERS, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks:)

Mr. DREIER, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. WOOLSEY) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. LANTOS.

Mr. RUSH in two instances.

Mr. TOWNS.

Mr. LEVIN in two instances.

Mr. MONTGOMERY.

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts.

Mrs. THURMAN.

Mr. KILDEE.

Mrs. MALONEY.

Mrs. MEEK of Florida.

Mrs. KENNELLY.

Mr. GONZALEZ.

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin.

Mr. POSHARD.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. DUNCAN) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. NETHERCUTT.

Mr. HORN.

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia.

Mr. WALSH.

Mr. FAWELL.

Mr. MARTINI in two instances.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. DREIER) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. ZELIFF.

Mr. BALLENGER.

Mr. NEAL.

Mr. ESHOO.

Mr. BARCIA.

Mr. CHRISTENSEN.

Mrs. MORELLA.

Mr. PACKARD.

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut.

Ms. MCCARTHY.

Mr. KANJORSKI.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida.

Mr. GRAHAM.

Mr. TEJEDA.

Mr. BENTSEN.

Mr. COX of California.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana.

Mr. BONIOR.

Mr. PASTOR.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 2036. An Act to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to make certain adjustments in the land disposal program to provide needed flexibility, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 43 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, March 18, 1996, at 2 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

2248. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting his request for an fiscal year 1996 supplemental appropriation for support of the Israeli Government's urgent requirement for counter-terrorism assistance, and to designate the